

SAN DIEGO HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE
Full Committee Meeting

DATE: March 22, 2006
TIME: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
PLACE: **Port District of San Diego**
Administration Building
3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
First Floor Training Room

Minutes

I. Introductions

Voting Members: *Mr. Sterling Stires, Ms. Robin Blanchfield, Mr. Jim Peugh, Capt. Corliss Nugent, Mr. Paul Libuda, Mr. Bernard Blocker, Mr. Rich Goben, Mr. Gary White, Mr. Steve Frailey, Mr. Marc A. Schouwe Sr., Mr. Jim Penny*

Non-Voting Liaisons and Visitors: *Ms. Cara Roderick, Mr. Drew Cheney, Mr. Don Montoro, Mr. Philip Weis, Mr. Jack Prescott, , Mr. Edward Barr, Ms. Danielle Miller, Mr. Bill Gerrish, Ms. Julia Uhlendorf, Mr. Ed Wernick, Mr. Jack Prescott,*

II. Agenda Review

Approved as Submitted

III. Minute Review: January 25, 2006

- a. Motion to approve the minutes as revised to reflect that after item nine the agenda was not complete due to time constraints, Capt. Corliss Nugent. Second, Mr. Sterling Stires.

Unanimous approval - Motion carries

IV. Unusual/Near Miss Incidents

- a. Jim Penny: Update on Ensenda Row Boat. The vessel is safely a float; owners are deciding what to do with ship next. Maritime Titans have been release from project. One option is the ship will go into Ensenda and discharge, the other is it will go to Manzanio and discharge, and the other it the it will go to Asia. Not sure what option will be accepted. Divers have been surveying area for approximately one week.
- b. Sterling Stires: Lawsuit pending with almost everyone involved in marinas and shipyards in San Diego, the plaintiff's name is Joe Yeager and position is the experience boater should be able to anchor wherever they please. Relates to HSC because he was anchored off of Zuniga Jetty, he grounded and his boat caught fire and burned. If this is still an issue by next HSC meeting, it will be an agenda item. This is a safety issue that relates to HS Mandate.
- c. Phil Weisse: Plaintiff had issue with anchoring as far back as 14 years. Plaintiff believes that the Port and City have gone beyond their authority in establishing anchorages. There are sixty to seventy defendants in this case. No trial date has been set. The response of pleading for the first set of people that have been served will be due Monday, March 27, 2006.

Non-Agenda Item-Members Sworn in

- a. Notice was not required because does not involve public. Members that were sworn in: Sterling Stires, Maritime Law Representative; Philip Weiss, Maritime Law Representative; Gary White, Commercial Fishing Representative, Bernard Blocker, Commercial Fishing Representative.

V. USCG, San Diego Sector Update – Don Montoro

- a. 8th Annual Harbor Safety Conference on April 6th - April 8th 2006
- b. Plug in for USCG Website, homeport.uscg.mil. Drop down on menu until you reach San Diego. Don will check to see if Harbor Safety information is included on website. Some information is off limit without a password but most is available to public.

VI. NOAA Response Team 6 – Ed Wernicke

- a. NOAA is working with a team of 2 and they are mobile. They are working on areas in South Bay and also working indirectly with Navy barriers. If there are any issues on Charts please let them know. If anyone is interested in visiting they are located at the submarine base in Point Loma. If there are any areas of concern please call 619-224-2923 or 206-618-6251 (cellular).

VII. Vote on Revised Wording for Bollard Testing Requirements – Capt. Jim Penny

Motion to accept March 7, 2006 amendments to Section 852.3 (c), Robin Blanchfield. Second, Capt. Corliss Nugent.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

VIII. OSPR Update – Ms. Cara Roderick

- a. Environmental Representative positions due to expire. Unless anyone else applies, Jim Peugh and Gabriel Solmer will be sworn in at the next Harbor Safety Committee meeting.
- b. Danielle Miller, with San Diego Coastkeeper, will again be serving as the Harbor Safety Committee Secretary. There will be a revised Contract for the 2006/2007 year.

IX. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Education – No Report
- b. Navigation Safety & Piloting – Engaged deeply with Mr. Edward Barr's comments regarding wake action. Letter was on behalf of the Harbor Safety Committee to the San Diego Port District and the Port responded with plans to implement a project to relocate buoys. Mr. Paul Labuda stated that the Port did receive a letter from Mr. Barr and response will be given in writing. The Port needs authorization from the USCG before project can begin.
- c. Offshore Moorings – No Report

X. Public Comment

- a. Mr. Edward Barr: Problems with the speed buoys at Harbor Island and American's Cup entrance. The problems are slowing, there was one problem with Abraham Lincoln but nothing like it was during the parade of lights.

XI. Staff and Liaison Announcements

- a. No comments

XII. Harbor Safety Plan Update

Motion to approve title page, Capt. Corliss Nugent. Second, Robin Blanchfield

Unanimous, Motion Carries

Motion to approve “SDHS adopted plan” at top of page, Mr. Steve Frailey. Second, Ms. Robin Blanchfield.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

Motion to approve page two, Mr. Steve Frailey. Second, Mr. Sterling Stires.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

a. See track changes at document distributed at meeting.

XII. Next Meeting

Full Committee: Wednesday, May 24, 2006

XIII. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:00pm, Steve Frailey. Second, Capt. Corliss Nugent.

Unanimous approval - Motion carries